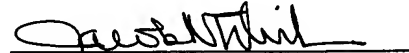


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2005 in the above-identified application, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 23 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 25 of this paper.